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SUBJECT: Proposed DCI-DDCI Talking Points Re the National
HUMINT Tasking Plan

1. Re your request, I suggest the following:

--In preparing actions in response to the Plan, I would attach particular significance to the need to get at the intentions of countries of proliferation concern.

--This is perhaps the most challenging task facing the HUMINT community given the highest security typically surrounding these matters.

--With the context of intentions, of clear importance is the need to acquire information about how countries think about the ultimate use of nuclear weapons.

--On the technical side, we are doing a good job in tracking the potential countries have for developing nuclear infrastructure. The use of human sources here will continue to play a very important role.

2. I've attached, FYI, a copy of the talking points that were prepared for Admiral Inman's use at the recent [REDACTED] conference on proliferation intelligence in the 80s.

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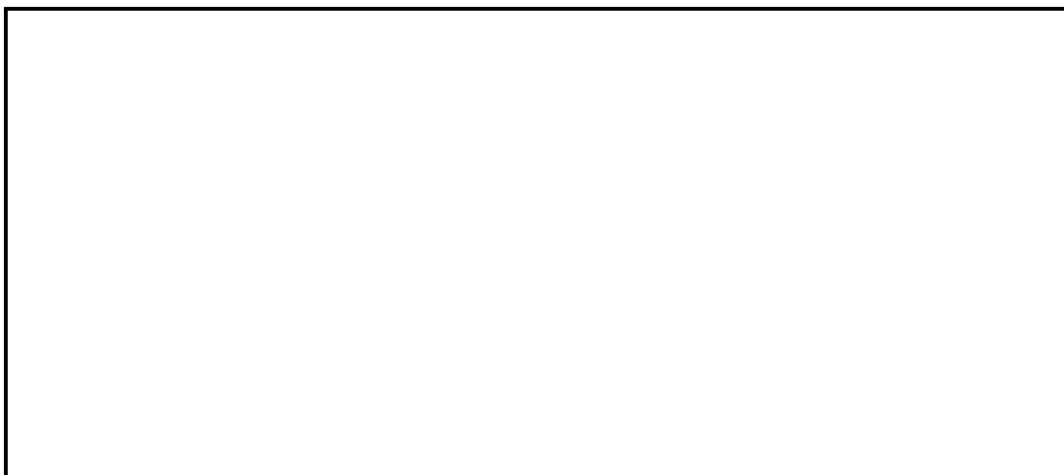
Suggested Talking Points for DDCI Presentation, "Nuclear Proliferation:
The Role of the Intelligence Community" (0900 hours, Thursday, 25 June)

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- It is an issue whose priority is formally recognized by intelligence to be of critical importance to US political, economic, and military interests.
- A number of agencies of the NFIB have either initiated or participate in a diverse set of collection programs tailored to produce information pertaining to the motivations of countries and their nuclear progress and goals. Some are quite innovative and are paying off now. We must wait a while to see the fruits of others.
- You will later receive detailed briefings concerning the status of the most important of these collection efforts. You will get a better sense for their payoff in the discussions of particular countries of concern that are on your agenda for today.
- On the analysis and assessments side of our business we have been giving increasing attention to the decisionmaking process and political determinants that underlie a national, weapons-oriented, nuclear development effort.
- Unfortunately, the information needed for this purpose is the weakest component of our intelligence base. And this, of course, is a consequence of the great secrecy typically surrounding the handling of these matters by national authorities.

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- The Administration in its recent review of its nuclear proliferation and cooperation policies committed itself to a continuing strong intelligence effort. It also has stated that improvements will be made as needed. I trust that you will be able to identify such needs as one outcome of the deliberations that will take place over the next two days.
- In the meantime, the DCI and I will do our part to ensure that intelligence in this area will be the best available.